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FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS FROM THE SECRETARY

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS: MESSAGE FOR FAHMY

REF: ALEXANDRIA 43

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO FAHMY.

BEGIN MESSAGE:

2. HERMAN HAS REPORTED TO ME ON YOUR CONVERSATION YESTERDAY, AND I MUST TELL YOU THAT I AM DISAPPOINTED BY YOUR REACTION TO THE DRAFT AGREEMENT HE SHOWED YOU AND THE VARIOUS ADDITIONAL POINTS I ASKED HIM TO DISCUSS WITH YOU.

3. OUR DRAFT AGREEMENT IS CLEARLY A NEGOTIATING DOCUMENT AND I, OF COURSE, DID NOT EXPECT YOU TO ACCEPT IT WITHOUT ANY CHANGE, EVEN THOUGH -- WITH THE ADDITION OF ONE OR TWO POINTS THE ISRAELIS HAVE PRESSED FOR SUCH AS THE BLOCKADE LANGUAGE -- IT IS A SERIOUS AND SINCERE EFFORT ON OUR PART TO REFLECT OUR EARLIER UNDERSTANDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS IN PRECISE LANGUAGE. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU IT IS NOT AN ISRAELI DOCUMENT. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WE HAVE REJECTED CATEGORICALLY WITHOUT EVEN MENTIONING TO YOU A NUMBER OF POINTS THAT THEY WANT TO INCLUDE.

4. I AM NATURALLY PREPARED TO CONSIDER REASONABLE COUNTER

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PROPOSALS. BUT ISMAIL, I BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE

AGREEMENT INCLUDE A NUMBER OF THE ELEMENTS THAT YOU WANT TO ELIMINATE. IF AN AGREEMENT IS TO BE ACHIEVED, IT MUST HAVE IN IT FORMULATIONS THAT REFLECT RECIPROCAL UNDERTAKINGS AND OBLIGATIONS AND THAT MAKE CLEARER BY THEIR SUBSTANCE, AND NOT JUST BY DECLARATIONS OF INTENT, THAT IT GOES BEYOND THE 1974 DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. I RECOGNIZE THAT SOME ASSURANCES ARE POLITICALLY SENSITIVE AND MUST BE INCLUDED IN CONFIDENTIAL EXCHANGES, BUT THE DRAFT WE PRESENTED TO YOU REPRESENTS OUR BEST JUDGEMENT OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO BE IN THE PUBLISHED AGREEMENT IF WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET ISRAEL'S APPROVAL AND WITHSTAND THE INEVITABLE ATTACKS AT HOME. YOU HAVE SHOWN SO MUCH INGENUITY IN THE PAST, I AM SURE WE CAN FIND FORMULATIONS THAT WILL GO FURTHER TOWARDS WHAT WE BELIEVE IS NECESSARY RATHER THAN SOME OF THOSE YOU GAVE TO HERMMAN.

5. I AM KEENLY AWARE OF POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES FROM YOUR END, BUT ISMAIL I HOPE YOU WILL BEAR IN MIND THAT AS VIEWED FROM JERUSALEM -- AND I DO NOT SAY THIS IS RIGHT -- SOMETHING VERY TANGIBLE IS BEING GIVEN UP: THE STRATEGIC PASSES AND THE OIL FIELDS -- IN EXCHANGE FOR WHAT ISRAEL CONSIDERS ESSENTIALLY PAPER PROMISES.

6. I WILL RESERVE MY COMMENTS ON THE SPECIFIC POINTS YOU HAVE MENTIONED UNTIL I AM IN ALEXANDRIA TOMORROW, BUT I FELT IT NECESSARY TO GIVE YOU THIS IMMEDIATE SENSE OF MY CONCERN AND DISAPPOINTMENT AND TO URGE IN ALL FRIENDSHIP THAT YOU HAVE ANOTHER SERIOUS LOOK AT THE DRAFT HERMMAN SHOWED YOU BEFORE WE MEET. END TEXT.

7. FYI: HOPE YOU CAN GET ACROSS THAT WE NEED A NUMBER OF POINTS ALSO FOR DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS AT HOME. END FYI.
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